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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

THROUGH : Director of Personnel

FROM : Robert M. Gates  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Senior Review Panel Positions

REFERENCE : Memo dated 13 May 1982 to Executive Director from  
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council,  
same subject

1. Action Requested: That you approve the recommendation contained in paragraph 3.

2. Background:

A. I am somewhat mystified by the continuing consideration of Senior Review Panel staffing. The essential elements of this issue were decided by Admiral Inman weeks ago.

-- On 5 January 1982, the DDCI approved my recommendations that the Senior Review Panel (SRP) be transferred from the Directorate of Intelligence and that the positions to be transferred would consist of [ ] SIS-04s and [ ] staff position. It was clearly understood by both the DCI and DDCI that the purpose of the transfer was (1) to clarify the role of the SRP in evaluating Intelligence Community analysis and (2) to clear the way for the establishment of a purely internal DDI quality control unit. It was plainly understood that some of the positions that had been allocated to the SRP would be used to establish the DDI unit.

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-- On 8 March 1982 the DCI announced in a memorandum to the NFIB that the SRP would become a separate entity reporting to him and the DDCI through the Chairman, National Intelligence Council (NIC). This Directorate subsequently agreed to relinquish to the NIC [ ] SIS-04 and [ ] GS-09 positions out of the SRP's established complement of [ ]

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B. In referenced memorandum, the Vice Chairman, NIC requests that the DDI transfer [ ] positions to accommodate the SRP. This would represent losses of [ ] over the number heretofore agreed upon. The following facts argue against such a sacrifice by the DDI:

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-- As a result of the reorganization, the DDI is seriously short of SIS headroom. Several additional positions have been requested in order to accommodate new requirements and the officers approved for assignment to them. We simply cannot afford to give up more than two SIS-04 positions. Admiral Inman indicated that additional SIS positions for the SRP beyond those two would be taken probably from the DCI reserve.

-- The GS-15 position in question was provided from the Directorate's authorized complement when the SRP was formed in 1979; we were not authorized additional ceiling to accommodate the requirement. We plan to reallocate the position to one of our new elements.

3. Recommendation: For the above stated reasons and in light of decisions already taken by the DCI and DDCI, I believe the question of ~~the~~ transfer to the SRP of slots beyond the [ ] SIS positions and [ ] staff positions already has been settled. I recommend that the staffing complement for the SRP be completed by the transfer of [ ] SIS positions from the DCI reserve and the assignment to the SRP of [ ] of the [ ] vacant positions on the NIC.

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APPROVED:

/S/ John N. McMahon

Executive Director

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